

Claims 1 - 10, 18 - 21, 29 and 30 remain in the present application.

In response to the requirement for election of species and subspecies, applicants hereby elect

Species II (Figs. 9-11)

and

subspecies i (Figs. 50A-50C),
without traverse but without prejudice to the prosecution of claims to nonelected species and subspecies if a generic claim is found allowable.

Claims readable on the elected species, including generic claims, are claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29 and 30. All claims are generically readable on the elected subspecies.

Entry of the Amendment, and examination on the merits, are courteously requested.

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